

## Utah State Medical Association

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year! Always it seems to mean so much. Another twelve months, a whole wonderful chain of three hundred and sixty-five and a quarter days in which to live, and work, and serve. It is a wonderful, an exalting, uplifting thought. It fills the heart with hope. To all you men of the medical profession who follow the calling of helpful service in the great state of Utah, to all of our brothers elsewhere—A Happy New Year. We can wish you nothing better on earth.

### DESERVED CONFIDENCE

Those of you who follow the daily news may have read the following, under date of Tuesday, December 2, 1924: "Five persons are charged with practicing medicine without obtaining a license." If not, read it further along in this month's notes. Here is at last a practical illustration of one of the chief functions of the State Board of Registration—an illustration of how it should work. We who practice under the law, should realize that we have a duty to the body politic beyond the mere prescribing for human ills. To relieve suffering, to halt the course of disease is a noble work; but to safeguard the man who is ill, whose life may be in danger, is as much the duty of the doctor as that of the guardian of the law who shoots a dangerous animal on the street. Times change. With the passing, in a measure, of the "family doctor"—he who was physician, friend, and advisor of his patients in the past—let us not forget that the average patient is a man or woman who needs advice—a friend as well as a physician—that he knows not as we know what is genuine, what is worthy of trust and confidence as applying to our craft. It is on this almost childlike confidence, this ignorance if you like, this unfortunate gullibility of the masses that the cults flourish and grow temporarily fat. Hence, it is to the doctor, after all, to see that the standards of the profession are maintained and raised. The doctor, through the legal channels of the state machinery and his own committees on health and legislation may serve his fellow-man and his fellow-craftsman thus. Let those who are not qualified be cast out, cut off. The unqualified physician is as dangerous to the unsuspecting dupe of his pretensions as a dangerous drug. "He who steals my purse," says Shakespeare, "steals trash.. But he who steals my reputation—" And what of the man who through ignorance, false pretense, personal greed, loses a patient's life? He steals—all. More power to the committee on health and legislation in their endeavors to ferret out and bring under the law men of this sort. In so doing they are protecting the people of the state, conserving their interests and their lives. And in so doing—in beginning this new year in this fashion—let us hope that they may win, not only their own and

ours, but the entire commonwealth's confidence and respect. Service is the great keynote of true human association, and how can one serve better than by safeguarding and defending human life against the wiles of that type of harpy which batters off of human pain and sickness, as the other type of harpy was supposed to batten off of human flesh. Let medicine today draw a sword of righteous indignation and, literally, protect the innocent.

**Utah Notes** (reported by J. U. Giesy, associate editor)—Salt Lake County Hospital Clinic Meets—The clinic of the Salt Lake County Hospital met Friday evening, November 28, at the hospital. The following subjects were presented: "Typhoids and Effect of Typhoid Immunigen," George R. Roberts; "Bladder Tumor in Child Four Years of Age," discussed by W. W. Barber and W. C. Cheney, and "Interesting Spine Cases" by A. A. Kerr, F. D. Calogne and Foster Curtis.

**Illegal Practice of Medicine Is Charged**—Five persons are charged with practicing medicine without obtaining a license in complaints issued from the office of the county attorney. Those named are Vonner E. Raymond, Alma S. Ash, Albert T. Faerber, Harold Hulme, and Spyros J. Parthenon.

**Community Clinic Ends Busy Year**—At the annual meeting of the Community Clinic and Dispensary, reports were presented by Harold M. Stephens, president; Miss Eva Hollis, treasurer; Dr. George W. Middleton, managing trustee; and by Mrs. M. S. Avery, executive secretary.

Following the reports, a resolution of respect for the late A. N. McKay was passed, and also a resolution thanking the Salt Lake County Medical and Dental Societies, who furnish the entire clinic staff.

The following trustees were elected: W. W. Armstrong, Dr. A. J. Hosmer, H. N. Byrne, F. M. Critchlow, and Harold M. Stephens. Following the regular meeting of the clinic, the board of trustees met to elect the new officers for the coming year, who were elected as follows: President, Harold M. Stephens; vice-president, Amy Brown Lyman; secretary, W. N. Williams; treasurer, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to succeed Mr. McKay.

Reports given at the meeting showed that a total of 3184 patients had been treated during the year, of which 1118 had never before received treatment from the clinic, while 2066 were patients who were returning for additional treatment. The report on the character of the treatment given showed 833 medical cases, 572 surgical, 1459 eye, ear, nose and throat, and 320 dental; also, 74 radium treatments. The patients sent to hospitals numbered 253, four of these receiving major operations, and 249 receiving minor operations.

The Salt Lake Community Clinic and Dispensary was founded by a number of business men of Salt Lake, of which the late A. N. McKay was one, for the purpose of giving free medical attention to those unable to secure it for themselves.

**A Family Doctor One Hundred Years Old**—Friends Honor Pioneer Utah Physician—The Centennial anniversary of Dr. Harvey C. Hullinger was recently celebrated in Vernal, Utah. Dr. Hullinger was born fourteen years after Lincoln, and was 2 years of age when Thomas Jefferson died. He came to Utah from Iowa in 1859, and served in the Civil War as a physician.

The celebration was probably the largest birthday party in the history of his county. The honor guest was presented with a leather chair, as a gift from the community. The large building was packed to capacity and many pioneers were present, as well as young people.

Dr. Hullinger made a touching address, and throughout the day refused to allow anyone to assist him as he moved about. He would say, "Don't take hold of me, you might pull me down." Dr. Hullinger has living twenty-five grandchildren, eighty-one great-grandchildren, and twenty-four great-great-grandchildren.

Dr. Hullinger received the following message from President Coolidge: "Dr. Harvey C. Hullinger, Vernal, Utah: My congratulations to you on this remarkable anniversary occasion. You have my sincere wishes that you may celebrate many returns of the day."

He also received telegrams from Governor Charles R.

Mabey, Congressman Colton, President Heber J. Grant, and many others. He was escorted about town by Messrs. McGraw and McPherson of Salt Lake City, in a beautiful new automobile.

According to Special Order No. 171, Headquarters 104th Division, United States Army, dated December 6, 1924, paragraph 6, Major John U. Giesy, Med. O. R. C., Felt building, Salt Lake City, Utah, is relieved from the 413th Infantry and is assigned to Headquarters 329th Medical Regiment as Division Medical Inspector.

**Salt Lake Society**—Secretary Critchlow makes an interesting 1924 annual report that might well be studied by county medical societies everywhere:

Number of regular meetings held, 18, including this meeting; number of special meetings held, 1; number of meetings open to the public, none; number of meetings held at hospitals, 3; largest attendance at meetings, 104; smallest attendance at meetings, 41; average attendance at meetings, 60; largest attendance of visitors at meetings, 24; smallest attendance of visitors at meetings, 1; average attendance of visitors at meetings, 5; number of clinical cases shown other than at hospitals, 17; number of papers read by members, 28; number of papers scheduled and not read, 2; members on 1923 roll, 209; members left town in 1923, 2; members paid dues in December, 1923, 5; members admitted in 1924, 19; grand total for year, 231; members moved from town in 1924, 2; members died during 1924, 4; members suspended for non-payment of dues, 1; active members this date, including honorary members, 224.

**Members Elected**—Fifteen, as follows: Newton Miller, F. G. Eskleson, George E. McBride, E. R. Van Cott, J. Clinton Bown, Burtis F. Robbins, Scott A. Jones, Edwin R. Murphy, Sam G. Paul, William R. Cannon, F. K. Root, M. Skolfield, G. H. Pace, S. H. Besley, Charles W. Woodruff.

**Members Elected by Transfer**—Four, as follows: D. W. Henderson, Juel E. Trowbridge, R. O. Porter, G. Wallace Hanks.

**Deaths**—Death has taken a heavy toll from the society during the year 1924. L. B. Laker of Eureka, Utah, died February 7, 1924, following an operation. J. Lane of Salt Lake City died of pneumonia March 18, 1924. J. F. Critchlow, Salt Lake City, died in an automobile accident July 24, 1924. Ernest Van Cott of Salt Lake City died of angina pectoris August 27, 1924. Patrick S. Keogh, an ex-honorary member, died November 25, 1924, of uremia.

**Officers**—The following officers have served during 1924: President, A. A. Kerr; vice-president, John Z. Brown; secretary, M. M. Critchlow; treasurer, J. E. Jack. **Board of Censors**—T. A. Flood, term expires 1924. E. D. Hammond to serve one year. F. A. Goeltz to serve two years.

**Delegates Whose Term Expires in 1924**—E. F. Root, E. D. Hammond, W. G. Schulte, F. F. Hatch, J. Z. Brown, J. P. Kerby, J. E. Tyree, F. A. Goeltz, T. A. Flood.

**Holdover Delegates**—A. A. Kerr, E. M. Neher, C. L. Shields, V. J. Clark, A. C. Behle, W. R. Tyndale, H. P. Kirtley, F. B. Steele, J. C. Landenberger, M. M. Critchlow, Ernest Van Cott (deceased), W. R. Calderwood, D. L. Barnard, etc.

**Alternates**—W. F. Beer, F. E. Straup, T. B. Beatty, Clifford Pearsall, David Smith.

#### Committees

**Public Health and Legislation**—Ernest Van Cott, chairman; R. R. Hampton, J. J. Galligan. When Ernest Van Cott died, Dr. R. R. Hampton was made chairman and Sol G. Kahn was appointed on the committee.

**Library Committee**—W. R. Tyndale, chairman; George F. Roberts, B. E. Bonar, F. J. Curtis, E. M. Neher, F. B. Steele, F. A. Goeltz, R. T. Richards.

**Program Committee**—A. A. Kerr, chairman; M. M. Critchlow, secretary; John Z. Brown, F. E. Straup, John R. Llewellyn, E. D. LeCompte.

**To Investigate Institutions Caring for Charity Patients**—W. R. Calderwood, chairman; M. M. Nielson, Thomas E. Clark.

**Auditing Committee**—E. D. LeCompte, chairman; A. A. Kerr, L. N. Ossman.

**Broadcaster for Hygeia**—Willard Christopherson, succeeded by T. B. Beatty.

**Community Clinic Committee**—George W. Middleton,

chairman; A. J. Hosmer, W. Christopherson, F. E. Straup, J. F. Critchlow, succeeded by A. C. Behle.

**Medico-Legal Committee**—E. F. Root, chairman; H. P. Kirtley, J. C. Landenberger (three years); A. C. Behle, S. H. Allen, W. S. Ellerbeck (two years); M. L. Lindem, C. L. Shields, F. Leaven Stauffer (one year).

**Building Committee**—M. M. Nielson, chairman; W. R. Calderwood, Fred Stauffer, E. F. Root.

**Medical Liability Insurance Committee**—B. W. Black, chairman, resigned March 12, 1924; Sol G. Kahn, appointed chairman, March 12, 1924; F. A. Goeltz, S. D. Calonge.

**Aschoff Committee**—G. G. Richards, chairman.

**Disabled Veterans' Committee**—L. J. Paul, chairman; S. C. Baldwin, R. J. Alexander, W. F. Beer, J. U. Giesy.

#### Receipts

Members paid \$10 each, 202.....	\$2020.00
Members paid \$12 each, 20.....	240.00
Sale of caducei, 26 at \$1.25.....	32.50

Turned over to treasurer.....\$2292.50

The officers wish to thank the members who have served so faithfully on committees and who have cooperated to make the scientific programs a success. All committees have been active, but the Committee on Public Health and Legislation and the Library Committee deserve special praise for their untiring efforts.

At the last meeting in 1923, the by-laws were amended so that members not having paid their dues by February 1, 1924, were considered delinquent and the dues automatically raised to \$12.

On January 28, 1924, the by-laws were amended so that a medico-legal committee became one of the standing committees. The function of this committee is to advise with the defendant in any malpractice suit; to survey the evidence and the elements of the treatment; to appoint witnesses in the defendant's behalf; to adjudicate the question of fight or compromise; to advise with witnesses for the prosecution in malpractice cases; and to arrive at a conclusion as to the merits of such a case. Also to advise with medical experts in personal injury and corporation cases with the idea of promoting substantial justice. To attend the trial as spectators in person or by proxy all cases bearing medical testimony, either "malpractice" or "personal injury"; to listen carefully to such testimony and later review it among themselves; and finally, to prefer charges before the society against any member who makes statements contrary to modern scientific knowledge.

In view of the fact that the society has grown and now is a powerful organization, the present officers recommend that an office of historian be created so that records of the society may be kept from year to year in a concise form.

December 8, 1924.

#### Minutes of the Salt Lake County Medical Society

(reported by M. M. Critchlow, secretary)—The program of the November meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was a symposium on contagious diseases. The first paper was given by William A. Pettit on the "Differential Diagnosis of Contagious Diseases." Scarlet fever, measles, recurrent scarlatina, epidemic exfoliative dermatitis, German measles, drug eruptions, chickenpox, and smallpox, were thoroughly discussed. The paper was discussed by Drs. Beer, Jeidell, Day, and Calonge.

The treatment and sequelae of contagious diseases were dealt with in the paper by William C. Cheney. He took up post-diphtheritic polyneuritis, the various sequelae of scarlet fever and measles, smallpox, and mumps. He discussed the treatment of diphtheria, scarlet fever, and whooping-cough. This very interesting paper was discussed by Drs. John Z. Brown, McHugh, Calderwood, Peterson, Scott, Pettit, Jeidell, Lipkis, Calonge, and Major S. C. Gurney.

Earl Van Cott announced the death of Dr. C. M. Hart. Sol G. Kahn reported for the Committee on Public Health and Legislation, and gave his views on advertising. Fred Stauffer reported for the Committee on the Doctors and Dentists' Building. He exhibited plans for a new building, to be put up on the south side of South Temple, between Main and State, and related the plans for erecting such a building. This building is to be used by doctors and dentists, all except the first floor which is to

be rented. Discussed by W. R. Calderwood, M. M. Nielson, Fred Stauffer, and J. A. Phipps. W. R. Calderwood moved that the society declare itself in favor of the proposed building, and the committee be authorized to proceed with the plans. Seconded and carried. Further discussion by F. S. Scott, M. M. Nielson, F. H. Raley, and J. A. Phipps.

Resolutions on the death of Patrick S. Keogh were read by the secretary. It was moved by Warren Benjamin that the resolutions be adopted. Seconded and carried.

R. O. Porter announced that a railroad company had an opening for a physician out of town, and anybody interested should communicate with him.

A communication was read from Mrs. L. N. Ossman which stated that the Ladies' Auxiliary would hold a tea at the home of Mrs. J. C. Landenberger, December 3, 1924.

**Annual Meeting**—The annual meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Commercial Club, Salt Lake City, December 8, 1924. The meeting was called to order by President A. A. Kerr. Seventy-seven members and one visitor were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, with one correction, as follows: "That the society declare itself in favor of the proposed building, and the building committee be authorized to proceed with plans for a building."

A clinical case of hare lip and cleft palate which had been operated was presented by S. H. Allen.

Applications for membership, signed by Lyman M. Horne and J. E. Morton, were read and referred to the board of censors.

President Kerr read an address, setting forth the work done by the society during the past year.

M. M. Nielson and Fred Stauffer reported for the building committee, and three plans were submitted. Mr. Vincent spoke a few minutes on his proposition to erect a \$600,000, eight-story building on First South, between State and Second East, to be partly financed by physicians and dentists, and used by them exclusively, at about \$1.75 per foot.

Thomas Boise of the Hogle Investment Company spoke on their proposition to erect a building on the corner of First South and State, to be leased to physicians and dentists only, at approximately \$1.75 per foot. Discussed by L. J. Paul, Fred Stauffer, and G. A. Cochran. Claude Shields moved that the various propositions be submitted in writing to the building committee, and that the committee should report to the society with their advice. Seconded and carried. M. M. Nielson wished a standing vote of those in favor of the doctors and dentists' building. All stood up.

Fred Stauffer reported for the banquet committee, and suggested that the banquet in honor of Salathiel Ewing will be held December 29, 1924, and the admission to be \$3.

The secretary's annual report was read and accepted.

The report of the treasurer, Joseph E. Jack, was read and accepted.

E. F. Root reported verbally for the Medico-Legal Committee.

W. R. Tyndale reported for the Library Committee, and recommended that \$600 be allowed annually for the library fund. The report was accepted.

M. M. Nielson reported, in place of W. R. Calderwood, for the Committee Investigating Charity Institutions. He read two legal opinions in regard to charging patients who are able to pay for physicians at the Salt Lake County Hospital by outside practitioners. Discussed by F. E. Straup. It was moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Sol G. Kahn read the report for the Public Health and Legislation, which was accepted.

L. J. Paul reported for the Disabled American Veterans' Committee, and his report was accepted.

The following officers for the year 1925 were elected: John Z. Brown, president; F. H. Raley, vice-president; M. M. Critchlow, secretary; Joseph E. Jack, treasurer; A. A. Kerr, censor.

Fred Stauffer and F. H. Raley conducted President Brown to the chair. After a short speech by the new president, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m. and refreshments were served.

M. M. CRITCHLOW,  
Secretary.

## Nevada State Medical Association

W. M. EDWARDS, M. D., Mason.....President  
CLAUDE E. PIERSALL, M. D., Reno.....  
Secretary-Treasurer and Associate Editor for Nevada

**Washoe County Medical Society** (reported by Vinton A. Muller, secretary)—The Washoe County Medical Society met in regular session in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Reno, December 9, President R. H. Richardson presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting of November 11, 1924, were read and approved.

**Communications**—Two letters of condolence, which had been sent to Doctor David L. Shaw in connection with the death of his mother, and to Mrs. John Lewis in connection with the death of Doctor Lewis at the time of their passing, were read to the society, whereupon it was voted that these resolutions be adopted and spread upon the minutes.

**Program**—Doctor J. La Rue Robinson presented a paper on the extraction of magnetic foreign bodies from the eye by means of the giant electric magnet. He presented three case reports and demonstrated to the members of the society a magnet of his own design which differed primarily from the magnets upon the market, in that it possessed an armature which greatly intensified the pull of the magnetic tip. The magnet is operated by a six-cell storage battery. There were several questions asked by Doctors Albert, Piersall and others, which were in turn answered by Doctor Robinson.

C. E. Piersall, the secretary of our State Association, having recently returned from the meeting of the secretaries of the state medical societies in Chicago, rendered a report on the activities of this meeting.

**Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year**—The chairman announced that the election of officers for the year of 1925 was in order and called for nominations.

Doctor Tees nominated Vinton A. Muller for president. Nomination was seconded by C. E. Piersall, after which on motion duly seconded and carried, the rules were suspended and the secretary instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the society for Doctor Muller for president for 1925. C. W. West next nominated Doctor Piersall for the office of vice-president, which nomination was seconded by Doctor Pickard, after which on motion duly seconded and carried the nominations were closed, the rules suspended, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the society for Doctor Piersall for vice-president for 1925. Doctor Piersall next nominated Doctor Horace J. Brown for the office of secretary-treasurer. Doctor J. L. Robinson in turn nominated Doctor Henry Albert for the same office. Doctor Albert declined the nomination, but this was not accepted by the society, whereupon ballots were passed and a vote taken, with the result that Doctor Henry Albert was elected to the office of secretary-treasurer for 1925. C. E. Piersall was next nominated and elected as censor for two years, and C. W. West as censor for three years.

Officers-elect for 1925, therefore, are as follows: President, Vinton A. Muller; vice-president, C. E. Piersall; secretary-treasurer, Henry Albert; censors for one year, S. K. Morrison; censor for two years, C. E. Piersall; censor for three years, C. W. West.

Doctor Ajika Amano, who has filed application for membership in the society, being present as a guest at this meeting, was formerly introduced to the members.

**Attendance**—Members: Richardson, Albert, Robinson, Walker, Piersall, Pickard, W. H. Hood, Robison, West, Adams, Servoss, Tees, Morrison, Muller. Guest: Ajika Amano.

Before placing the motion of adjournment in order, Doctor R. H. Richardson, as retiring president of the society, gave a short closing speech.

**Nevada Medical Bulletin Notes** (edited by C. E. Piersall, Reno, Nev.)—You will see in the next few issues of the Bulletin of the American Medical Association what was said and done at the recent conference of the state secretaries.

There are 145,000 M. D.'s in the United States and